

Comments Received on the Managed Recharge TM and Responses

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| 1 | 3-16 | 17 | The document states that "The Egin Lakes recharge site does not contain winter range or migration corridors for large game." This project is located within the boundaries of the Nine Mile Knoll Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), which was designated in 1985 to protect habitat for wildlife, particularly big game. Antelope, mule deer, elk, and moose migrate long distances to overwinter in and around the ACEC. The st. Anthony Sand Dunes hosts the largest wintering elk population in North America. To protect wintering wildlife, the dunes and large tracts of adjacent public lands are closed to human entry during winter months. | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM. |
| 2 | 3-16 | 29-30 | The document states that "The Egin Lakes recharge site is located on federal property (potentially subject to inclusion in a future wilderness study area) ... " The Egin Lakes recharge site is directly adjacent to the Sand Mountain WSA (already designated). | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM. |
| 3 | 3-17 | Exhibit 3-17 | This exhibit fails to mention that the project is located within the Nine Mile Knoll ACEC, the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), and is directly adjacent to the Sand Mountain WSA. | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM. |
| 4 | 3-18 | Exhibit 3-18 | This exhibit should also include sensitive and rare species. The St. Anthony Sand Dunes evening primrose (<i>Oenothera psammophila</i>) is a BLM sensitive plant found only at the St. Anthony Sand Dunes. The largest and most viable population of a rare tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela arenico/a</i>) is found at the st. Anthony Sand Dunes. | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM. |
| 5 | 1-1 3-1 | 9 5-6 | The BLM right-of-way grant (101-36709) allows Egin Bench Canals, Inc. to use the current recharge site on BLM up to 10,000 AF within 253.25 acres adjacent to. but not within. the Sand Mountain WSA. Therefore, there is no need to analyze an alternative for increasing the annual water deliveries to Egin Lakes for recharge. As a result of restrictions in the BLM manual related to WSAs, the BLM cannot authorize expansion of the existing right-of-way within the boundaries of the WSA. | 1 | At this phase of the study, the analysis was focused on technical viability of the alternative, acknowledging that existing constraints may currently prohibit such development. A note will be added to Section 3.7 – Legal, Institutional, or Policy Constraints. |
| 6 | 3-16 | 29-31 | The document states that "The Egin Lakes recharge site ... has a low recreation and economic rating, and is rated as having few potential infrastructure impacts ... " However, the recharge site is located within the boundaries of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes SRMA. | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM. |
| 7 | 3-18 | Exhibit 3-18 | This exhibit fails to mention that the recharge site is located within the Egin-Hamer Human Entry Closure area, which is closed to human entry annually from January 1 through May 1 for _protection of wintering big game. | 1 | Comment addressed in final TM (added winter range and migration corridor). |